

## CLOUD FOREST PARADISE STAY IN OUR UNIQUE LODGE WITH ITS EXTENSIVE RESERVE

### 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS with Cock of the Rock visit



**Our three-day trip is a wonderful way to become acquainted with the special environment of a cloud forest so close to Quito – only one hour 50 minutes away! This package includes an excursion to see a local avian wonder – the Andean Cock-of-the-Rock....**

**We offer our guests a unique stay in paradise, above the forest canopy, surrounded by myriads of hummingbirds!**

**You will enjoy our generous servings of gourmet food, the fabulous views of forest and mountains, and our extensive network of safe, well-marked trails. Plus a special excursion to watch the famous Cock of the Rock!**

**ITINERARY:** *Note: these hours are approximate except for the pick up hour.*

#### **Day 1:**

**AM:** At 6:15 / 6:30 AM your driver will collect you at your hotel. We'll start driving along the Calacali – Nanegalito road with colourful landscapes and ever-changing vistas all the way. At km 52, we will turn left and on to the secondary road which for about 30 more minutes will take us to Bellavista Lodge, perched at the top of the Tandayapa Valley.

Arrival at Bellavista. Your guides will greet you here, indicate rooms and facilities, before going for breakfast.

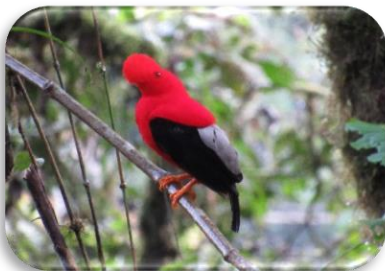
09:30 a.m. : Discovery hike into Bellavista Reserve's forest! Your guide will choose the best trails and hike options according to the group size (no more than 8 hikers), weather and trail conditions.

After 2 or more hours of easy and very educative hike, you are back in the lodge for lunch.

**PM:** your package includes another forest hike into another different trail among the many trails in Bellavista – discover the ecology of this mysterious forest. Or take a birding-specific hike! Dinner. You may well get a good sighting of the delightful Olinguito, and maybe the Kinkajou, right at the Lodge! Overnight at Lodge



#### **Day 2: El Gallito de la Peña**



##### **AM**

5.00 AM Departure with private transfer to a local reserve to experience the Cock-of-the-Rock lek, and possibly other avian wonders. Back to lodge about 8:30 AM for breakfast and guided hike in Bellavista.

**PM:** An option to go and discover the trails on your own, along the self-guided trail or by the aid of our trail-map. This will definitely be a highly exciting moment. Or, join your included guided hike with your guide at 3 PM or just sit and chat with other guests while watching the feeders at close quarters full of hummingbirds of 10-12 different species! Dinner and overnight.

#### **Day 3:**

**AM:** Early morning bird hike – recommended! This is the best time to see beautiful, colourful birds surprisingly close.

8:00 AM: Breakfast Further hikes for discovery of the exuberant forests around the lodge are as planned in your package, or talk to your guide about Day Excursion options beyond Bellavista! Or take time to simply relax!

**PM.** Lunch

At 2.30 / 3:00 PM, your driver will be waiting for you to embark for your transfer back to Quito City or airport. At around 17:00 / 17.30 PM you will be arriving back at your hotel in Quito.

**End of the trip!**

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Note: Various types of hikes are offered, from leisurely hikes to full-scale adventures!

Note 2: There is also the alternative to visit the Cock-of-the-Rock lek on either day in the late afternoon (instead of early morning) if preferred. Discuss at Bellavista with your guide!

### Accommodation



### What to bring:

- T-shirts or comfortable blouses/shirts
- Sweater or fleece for the evenings
- Quick drying trousers (blue jeans not recommended)
- Lightweight socks
- Change of clothes
- Sunhat and sunscreen
- Rain poncho (a few available if needed)
- Camera
- Rubber boots are provided – to size 47 (few pairs in large sizes)
- Binoculars recommended (available for rent)
- Water bottle for hikes
- Small daypack for hikes
- Flashlight and batteries
- Plastic bags to protect camera, etc

### What is included:

- Shuttle, round trip transport Quito-Bellavista-Quito
- All meals
- 2 nights accommodation
- Shared Naturalist Guide Service
- Excursion Cock of the Rock, incl. entry fee and transport
- Access to 700-hectare Reserve

### What is not included:

Drinks, tips, personal items, other private services.

Transfers in or out from Tababela Airport and area, has an extra cost!

**Note:** Hiking routes are flexible.



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